

Participants: Arizona Public Service, Salt River Project, Tucson Electric Power
Market Participants: APSES, CSC, NWE, Teldata/FirstPoint, C3 Communications

Issue summary: The current requirement in Arizona for MRSP's participating in Direct Access is the sending of interval data files and monthly reads to the UDC's for all interval meters. The MRSP's and ESP's would like this requirement to be modified and request to send interval data files only.

Proposal:

1. MRSP's will provide one file with the interval data and eliminate the requirement for the monthly read files for interval meters.
 - ◆ The rules and or documentation will be modified to reflect this change.
2. If the UDC determines that a read is inconsistent with the VEE Rules, and all other options to correct the data are exhausted, the UDC will notify the ESP and provide supporting evidence that the data is inconsistent. The UDC may request a meter read from the meter register under these circumstances only. The ESP would be required to provide the data to the UDC within two (2) working days from the date of the request from the UDC. The ESP would deliver the reads to the UDC in EDI 867 approved format. In cases where there is a telecommunication malfunction the ESP and UDC will determine a mutually agreed date to provide the data. **The requesting UDC shall be not charged for meter reads under the terms of this agreement.**
 - ◆ The UDC has the option to use the interval data file to calculate the reads for billing.
3. VEE rules may require modification to decrease the margin for error in the interval data. Market participants should make modifications to the rules with current best practices in mind.
4. A performance monitoring system needs to be created, sanctions established, and enforcement processes defined for consistent non-compliance and poor MRSP performance. A joint effort between ESP, MRSPs, MSPs and UDCs is needed. Standards must be realistic. A committee should be formed to establish a realistic process to measure and access the performance of MRSPs. Best practices should be the foundation in formulating the performance standards.
5. MRSP Certification needs to be revamped to test the ability of the MRSP. A proposed option to test the MRSP may be to send production data from an active meter. A committee should be formed to establish a realistic process to test and access the performance of an MSRPs. Best practices should be the foundation in formulating the performance standards.

7. Specific to entities operating as electrical cooperatives within the state of Arizona, and to Citizens Utility operations within the state of Arizona, these entities shall remain exempt from the portions of this proposal related to interval data. Calculated meter reads shall be provided if competitive meter reading services are secured in these service territories. Upon June 1, 2001, the exemption to the standard will be re-evaluated by the PSWG.